

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting
~Minutes~

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**Tuesday,
December 15, 2020**

4:00 PM

**City Council Chambers
206 E. 3rd St.**

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m.

PRESENT: Ken Faunce, Becky Tallent (virtual), Rula Awwad-Rafferty (virtual), Erin Agidius (virtual), Bekah Miller-MacPhee (virtual), David Pittsley (virtual), Jesse Martinez (virtual), Defne Yuksel (virtual)

ABSENT: Courtney LaFranchi, Steve Simmons, Jana Argersinger, Elizabeth Stevens

STAFF: Chief James Fry Jr., Staff Liaison; Maureen Laflin, City Liaison; Karen Potter, Deputy Clerk

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of Human Rights Commission Minutes for November 17, 2020 (ACTION ITEM)

Minutes presented for approval.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve minutes as presented; approve minutes with amendments; or take such other action deemed appropriate.

Tallent moved and Agidius seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

2. Review of Calendar (ACTION ITEM)

Review upcoming meetings and events.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Add/edit items to the calendar; or take such other action deemed appropriate.

The calendar was reviewed and there were no changes. Additional events will be added after the first of the year.

3. Election of Chair (ACTION ITEM)

Nomination and election of Commission Chair position.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Elect individual to fill Commission Chair, or take other such action deemed appropriate.

Faunce was nominated to serve as Commission Chair. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

4. Election of Vice Chair (ACTION ITEM)

Nomination and election of Commission Vice Chair position.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Elect individual to fill Commission Chair, or take other such action deemed appropriate.

Simmons was nominated as Vice Chair. Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried. Simmons was not present at the meeting and will need to officially accept the position or another nomination and vote will be needed.

4. Climate Mitigation Strategies Virtual Event.

Vote to provide monetary support for this event which is sponsored by the Climate Action Working Group.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Vote to approve monetary support, or take other such action deemed appropriate.

Agidius moved to support the Climate Mitigation Strategies Virtual Event up to \$500 and Tallent seconded. There was discussion. Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

5. Public Comment and Response to Previous Comments (limited to 10 minutes)

Members of the public may speak to the Commission regarding matters NOT on the agenda or currently pending before the Commission. Please state your name and city of residence for the record and limit your remarks to three (3) minutes.

None offered.

REPORTS

1. Latah Human Rights Task Force Report

The task force is putting together the virtual MLK breakfast. Nominations for the Rosa Parks Award are open. The deadline is January 4. There will be no admission costs for the breakfast; however, donations will be accepted. The task force inquired about the City providing / hosting the Zoom portion of the breakfast. The request will be forwarded to City Supervisor Riedner. The task force has sent support to the Wassmuth Center for Human Rights in Boise after the Anne Frank memorial was defaced.

2. Strengthening Relationships with Police & Community

The mental health and crisis intervention virtual panel was successful with 70 in attendance. Both panels have been recorded. Chief Fry said there were good questions and information about history and what is happening now. It was a great educational opportunity and some involved in the mental health system learned new information about future community efforts.

3. Bias Reporting System

Faunce and Laflin met with Yolanda Bisbee and talked about UI's system. Bisbee is very supportive of a bias reporting system for the City; however, UI does not want to manage it. Bisbee might be willing to help and have a UI person on a City team. The City's system could be modeled after UI's. Once the City's system is up and running, it can be expanded to the county. Bisbee dispelled any concerns about occasional false reports as these types of reports are easy to weed out. Faunce and Laflin will have another meeting with City Attorney Bautista. Faunce will also be talking with Martinez and Agidius as well.

4. Voices of Moscow

Yuksel has located another videographer, Max Sallow, to produce a video showcasing the Voices of Moscow survey responses.

5. Future Social Justice Forum: Restorative Justice

There was discussion regarding what topics might be covered during a restorative justice social justice forum such as the criminal justice system, schools, and/or other programs. It was decided that restorative justice would best be presented from a basic approach such as what it is, why it is important, what are the implications, and how it is implemented. Suggestions for future forums included protest movements and how police are responding to them as well as relations with the gay community. A discussion on future forums will be included on the January agenda.

6. Food Insecurity / Poverty on the Palouse

Stevens was absent and unable to update this topic for the Commission. It was noted that there are currently many food drives in our community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

Minutes Approved On

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Karen Potter

Clerk / Deputy Signature

Ken Faunce, Chair